



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**(Case No. 00-388-A)**

**PATENT**

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In the Application of:

Nolan et al.

Serial No.: 09/851,743

Filed: May 9, 2001

For: Methods for Testing Compounds Useful  
In Treating Diabetic Complications

Before the Examiner:  
S. J. Sharareh

Group Art Unit: 1617

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL ACTION**  
**MAILED JULY 28, 2004**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action, mailed July 28, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the following amendments and remarks. Remarks begin at page 5 of this response.

**Status of the Claims in the application**

Claims 1 and 13 as herein amended, and claims 2-4, 6-7, 14-16, 18-19, 25-26, 28-31, and 33-35 are pending in the application. The amendments are supported throughout the specification and claims as originally filed, and thus do not constitute new matter. The grounds of rejection asserted in the Official Action have been overcome by amendment or traversed by argument below.